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ORAL ADMINISTRATION FORM FOR PYRIDIN-2-YLMETHYLSULFINYL-1H-BENZIMIDAZOLES

Subject of the invention

The present invention relates to a novel oral administration form for pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles.

Prior art

Pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles and compounds structurally related to these, such as are disclosed, for example, in EP-A-0005129, EP-A-0166287, EP-A-0174726, EP-A-0268956, DE-A-3531487 and EP-A-0434999, have, on account of their H^+/K^+ATPase-inhibiting action, considerable importance in the therapy of diseases which are due to increased gastric acid secretion. Examples of active compounds from this group which are commercially available or in an advanced stage of clinical testing are 5-methoxy-2-[(4-methoxy-3,5-dimethyl-2-pyridinyl)methylsulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole (INN: omeprazole), 5-methoxy-2-[(S)-(4-methoxy-3,5-dimethyl-2-pyridinyl)methylsulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole (prop. INN: esomeprazole), 5-difluoromethoxy-2-[(3,4-dimethoxy-2-pyridinyl)methylsulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole (INN: pantoprazole), 2-[3-methyl-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)-2-pyridinyl)methyl-sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole (INN: lansoprazole), 2-{[4-(3-methoxypropoxy)-3-methylpyridin-2-yl]methyl-sulfinyl}-1H-benzimidazole (INN: rabeprazole), 2-[2-(N-isobutyl-N-methylamino)benzylsulfinyl]benzimidazole (leminoprazole) and 2-(4-methoxy-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-cyclohepta[b]pyridin-9-ylsulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazole (nepaprazole).

A common characteristic of the abovementioned pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles is the acid sensitivity - which is finally indispensable for their efficacy - of these active compounds, which is seen in their strong tendency to decompose in a neutral and, in particular, acidic environment, strongly colored decomposition products being formed.

In the past, there have been considerable efforts, despite the acid sensitivity of the pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles, to obtain stable and storable oral administration forms which contain these compounds. There have likewise been efforts to obtain custom administration forms for pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles for certain application purposes.

European Patent EP-B1-244 380 claims an oral administration form for certain pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles in which the active compound present in the tablet or pellet core is protected from the gastric acid by an enteric coating, a water-soluble intermediate layer which is intended to protect the core and acidic coating from one another additionally being situated between the active compound core and enteric coating.

The protection of the pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles from gastric acid by application of an enteric coating can be regarded as the method of choice up to now when oral administration forms for this class of active compound are involved. The enteric coatings, whose resistance to gastric juice is based on the fact that free acidic groups (in particular carboxyl groups) are present in a polymer, must be separated, however, from the acid-sensitive active compound cores by suitable measures. This is carried out by application or production of a protective intermediate layer composed in whatever way (see, for example, EP-B1-589 981, WO-A-9601624, WO-A-9623500, WO-A-9624338, WO-A-9402140, WO-A-9712580 and WO-A-9800115).

Description of the invention

Surprisingly, it has now been found that an enteric coating for pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles is unnecessary if the coating used instead of it is designed so that the active compound is released only after a defined time, namely after gastric passage. Furthermore, it has surprisingly been found that, with a suitable design of the core comprising the active compound, the release of the active compound - once it has commenced - takes place within a short space of time, so that a rapidly rising and high active compound blood level is achieved.

The invention thus relates to an oral administration form for pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles and their salts, which comprises the active compound together with tablet disintegrants and is provided with a film coating which is customary per se for sustained-release compositions.

Possible oral administration forms are, for example, pellets, microtablets, minitablets or in particular tablets, if desired dispensed in capsules.

Suitable pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles within the meaning of the invention are, for example, omeprazole, esomeprazole, lansoprazole, rabeprazole, leminoprazole, nepaprazole and in particular pantoprazole.

Salts of the pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles which may be mentioned primarily are the salts with bases, in particular the sodium, potassium, calcium and magnesium salt. The pantoprazole sodium salts, in particular the pantoprazole sodium sesquihydrate, is particularly preferred.

Possible tablet disintegrants are the customary agents known to the person skilled in the art. Examples which may be mentioned are certain cellulose derivatives (e.g. sodium cellulose glycolate and Tyloses), starch, compositions based on sodium carboxymethylcellulose and potato starch (e.g. Primojel), sodium carboxymethylstarch (e.g. Explotab), bentonite, sodium alginate or pectin, but in particular chemically indifferent agents such as crosslinked polyvinylpyrrolidone (e.g. Crospovidone). The content of tablet disintegrant is customarily between 2 and 10 % by weight based on the entire core. Depending

on the type of tablet disintegrant, however, larger contents can also be used, in the case of Crospovidone, for example, 20-35% by weight.

In addition to the tablet disintegrant, if desired the tablet cores contain further auxiliaries and fillers or binders. Auxiliaries used are, in particular, lubricants and release agents. Mention may be made here, for example, of calcium salts of higher fatty acids, such as, for example, calcium stearate. Binders which may be mentioned are, in particular, polyvinylpyrrolidone and/or hydroxypropylmethylcellulose and, if desired, mannitol, which is additionally preferred as a filler.

To increase the stability of the tablet cores, it has proven advantageous to employ the pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles in the form of their salts and/or with addition of one or more physiologically tolerable inorganic compounds having a basic reaction. Mention may be made here, for example, of the pharmacologically tolerable alkali metal, alkaline earth metal or earth metal salts of weak acids and the pharmacologically tolerable hydroxides and oxides of alkaline earth metals and earth metals. A base to be emphasized by way of example which may be mentioned is sodium carbonate.

Film coatings customary for sustained-release compositions which may be mentioned are membranes made of plastics having a low swelling power in water, in which small soluble particles are embedded, or in particular those swellable plastic membranes which contain a small proportion of a suitable salt which determines the permeability of the film coating.

Plastics suitable for the construction of the membranes are those which are water-insoluble and physiologically tolerable. Plastics having a low swelling power in water are understood for the purposes of the present invention as meaning, for example, those which absorb not more than 5% by weight of water in aqueous medium. For this, cellulose ethers and cellulose esters are regarded as particularly suitable. In addition, suitable plastics are also polymers such as polyvinyl chloride. Swellable plastics which may be mentioned are, in particular, copolymers of acrylic and methacrylic acid esters.

Small soluble particles which may be mentioned are, for example, lactose crystals, which are preferably employed in micronized form. The particle size is expediently less than 20 µm, preferably less than 10 µm. The ratio of plastic to soluble particles can be varied within wide limits. A weight ratio of plastic to soluble particles of approximately 2:1 to 1:3 is preferred. A weight ratio of 4:3 to 4:5 is particularly preferred.

Salts suitable for the swellable plastic membranes which may be mentioned are, for example, ammonium salts, in particular quaternary ammonium salts. In a particular embodiment of plastic membranes, some of the ester groups of a copolymer of acrylic and methacrylic acid esters are ester groups having quaternary ammonium structures. An example of such copolymers having quaternary ammonium

groups which may be mentioned is trimethylammonium methyl methacrylate chloride (e.g. Eudragit RL or Eudragit RS from Röhm).

The release time of the pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles can be controlled within a wide range by variation of the composition of the membrane and/or by variation of the layer thickness of the membrane. Thus, release is effected at an earlier time by lowering the layer thickness of the membrane, by increasing the proportion of soluble particles, by use of the soluble particles in a more coarse-grained form or, in the case of the swellable plastic membranes, by increasing the proportion of a suitable salt (e.g. higher proportion of quaternary ammonium groups in the copolymer of acrylic and methacrylic acid esters).

The application of the membrane to the tablet cores is carried out in a manner known per se, in particular by one of the customary spraying techniques. For this, a solution of the plastic or plastic mixture intended for the membrane is prepared in a solvent or in a solvent mixture or preferably an aqueous dispersion of the plastic or plastic mixture. The soluble, micronized particles are suspended in the solution before the spraying. If necessary, the suspension is stirred during the spraying in order to prevent settling of the suspended particles. In the case of the preferred procedure using aqueous dispersions, the salts responsible for the permeability of the plastic are already contained in the plastic itself in the form of quaternary ammonium groups. In the case of application of the membrane from an aqueous dispersion, it is also possible to work under alkaline conditions.

The membrane can contain the customary auxiliaries, such as plasticizers, wetting agents, colorants and antiadherents. Pharmacologically tolerable plasticizers such as, for example, polyethylene glycols, paraffins, glycerol or propylene glycol are suitable. Wetting agents may be necessary if the coating is to be dyed with dye lakes. Sorbitol fatty acid esters or salts of dioctylsulfosuccinic acid, for example, are suitable. Antiadherents which may be mentioned are, in particular, calcium stearate or talc.

With respect to the preparation and construction of the tablet cores reference is made, for example, to the embodiments in European Patent EP-B1-589 981.

The following examples of administration forms according to the invention explain the invention in greater detail without restricting it.

Examples

Example 1: Tablets

A. Tablet cores with 10 mg of active compound

	Ingredients	per core
(a)	pantoprazole Na × 1.5 H_2O	11.28 mg
(b)	sodium carbonate, anhydrous	2.50 mg
(c)	mannitol	10.68 mg
(d)	PVP, insoluble (Crospovidone)	12.50 mg
(e)	PVP 90	1.00 mg
(f)	calcium stearate	0.80 mg
Total per core		38.75 mg

(a) is mixed with some of (b), (c) and (d). The remainder of (b) and (c) is added to the clear aqueous solution of (e) and adjusted to a pH of > 10 using (b). Granulation is carried out in a fluidized bed granulator using this solution. The remainder of (d) and (f) is added to the dried granules and the granules are pressed in a suitable tablet machine.

B. Coating

	Ingredients	Initial weight	Coating per core
(g)	Eudragit RS 30 D	2400.00 g	4.876 mg
(h)	purified water	4800.00 g	
(i)	propylene glycol	144.00 g	0.975 mg
(j)	Ca stearate	21.60 g	0.146 mg
(k)	1 N NaOH	81.10 g	0.002 mg
Total film coating		7446.70 g	6.000 mg

The ingredients are stirred to give a dispersion which is screened before processing. The dispersion is sprayed onto the cores obtained under A in a suitable apparatus.

The coating application of 6 mg per tablet core leads to a spontaneously commencing and complete release of active compound after 2 hours.

Example 2: Combinations

The following combinations of tablets according to the invention (prepared according to Example 1, comprising 10 mg of active compound, below "tablet E") and the known enteric tablets (prepared according to EP-B-589981, comprising 10 mg of active compound, below "tablet M") are, for example, conceivable, the tablets being dispensed into hard gelatin capsules of size 3:

1 tablet E + 1 tablet M
2 tablets E + 2 tablets M
3 tablets E + 1 tablet M
1 tablet E + 3 tablets M

Instead of the enteric tablets, the pellets prepared according to EP-B-589981 can also be used.

Commercial applicability

The oral administration forms according to the invention can be employed for the treatment and prevention of all the diseases which are considered to be treatable or avoidable by the use of pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles. In particular, the oral administration forms according to the invention can be employed in the treatment of disorders of the stomach.

Surprisingly, sustained (i.e. more or less constant over a relatively long period) release behavior is not achieved using the oral administration forms according to the invention - despite the use of a customary sustained-release coating. On the contrary, initially no active compound at all is released over a certain period, the length of this period - as explained above - being controllable by the type and thickness of the membrane.

After expiry of the adjustable period, all of the active compound is then released within a very short space of time. Due to the dissolution of the particles embedded in the membrane, the membrane becomes porous or, due to the swelling of the permeable membrane, this becomes permeable and water penetrates into the core; as a result of this the tablet disintegrant begins to swell, and when the swelling pressure is sufficient in order to disintegrate the membrane, the active compound is released spontaneously and completely.

With the aid of the oral administration form according to the invention, it is thus possible to simulate an administration of active compound at a later time. As a result, the possibility is opened up of allowing a once daily administration instead of a twice daily administration of the active compound to begin by combining, for example, in one and the same administration form (e.g. in a capsule) two active compound forms whose release is different (e.g. a customary, enteric tablet and a tablet according to the invention).

The invention therefore further relates to the combination of an oral administration form according to the invention with a conventional (i.e. enteric-coated) administration form for pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles. "Combination" in this connection is understood as meaning the fixed or free combination.

In the fixed combination, both administration forms are present in a single dose unit (e.g. in a common tablet of outer conventional construction and inner core coated according to the invention, in a capsule comprising conventionally coated pellets and pellets according to the invention, or in particular in a capsule comprising two or more tablets, of which at least one corresponds to the specification according to the invention).

In the free combination, the two administration forms (that according to the invention and the conventional one) are present in separate dose units, which can be contained in a common packaging unit or in separate packaging units. In a common packaging unit, the different administration forms, for example, can be arranged in the form of capsules or tablets in rows lying next to one another in a blister pack. At the time indicated by the physician, the patient would in each case successively take a capsule or tablet from each row within a short length of time (in particular within 5 minutes).

Independently of whether a fixed or free combination is present, the compliance in the case of the combination according to the invention is in any case considerably greater than when two conventional administration forms have to be taken in a relatively large space of time (for example in the space of 3 to 12 hours).

The two-fold administration of active compound simulated by the fixed or free combination leads in a relatively large space of time (compared with the same dose of active compound as a single administration) to a smaller width of variation in the active compound blood levels in the patients and moreover to more rapid symptom relief.

In this connection, the fixed combination is preferred, particularly the combination of pellets according to the invention and conventional pellets and very particularly the combination of tablets according to the invention and conventional tablets in one capsule.

The treatment dose for an adult patient is, with respect to the pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles or their pharmaceutically tolerable salts, approximately 5 mg to 100 mg, in particular 10 mg to 80 mg, preferably 20 mg to 40 mg per day, calculated on the free acid. This treatment dose can be evenly or unevenly divided over the two administration forms in the combination according to the invention. A more or less equal division is preferred, e.g. 20 mg of the administration form according to the invention and 20 mg of the conventional (enteric-coated) administration form, in each case based on the free acid.

For their part, the oral administration forms according to the invention or the combinations according to the invention can in turn be combined with other medicaments, in particular with antimicrobial agents, such as are employed for the control of the bacterium Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori). Suitable antimicrobial agents for the control of the bacterium H. pylori which may be mentioned are bismuth salts [e.g. bismuth subcitrate, bismuth subsalicylate, ammonium bismuth(III) potassium citrate dihydroxide, bismuth nitrate oxide, dibismuth tris(tetraoxodialuminate)], but in particular ß-lactam antibiotics, for example penicillins (such as benzylpenicillin, phenoxymethylpenicillin, propicillin, azidocillin, dicloxacillin, flucloxacillin, oxacillin, amoxycillin, bacampicillin, ampicillin, mezlocillin, piperacillin or azlocillin), cephalosporins (such as cefadroxil, cefaclor, cefalexin, cefixime, cefuroxime, cefatamet, cefadroxil, ceftibuten, cefpodoxime, cefotetan, cefazolin, cefoperazone, ceftizoxime, cefotaxime, ceftazidime,

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Patent claims

1. An oral administration form for pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazole and its salts, which comprises the active compound together with tablet disintegrants and is provided with a film coating-customary per se for sustained which is release compositions.

2. The administration form as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazole is omeprazole, esomeprazole, lansoprazole, rabeprazole, leminoprazole or nepaprazole.

3. The administration form as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazole is pantoprazole.

4. The administration form as claimed in claim 1, wherein the tablet disintegrant is Crospovidone.

5. The administration form as claimed in claim 1, wherein the tablet disintegrant is Crospovidone having a proportion in the tablet core of 20-35% by weight.

6. The administration form as claimed in claim 1, wherein the film coating is a copolymer of acrylic and methacrylic acid esters having quaternary ammonium structures.

7. A combination consisting of an administration form as claimed in claim 1 and an administration form of a pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazole having an enteric coating.

8. The administration form as claimed in claim 1 in combination with or for combined use with an antimicrobial agent.

9. The combination as claimed in claim 7 in combination with or for combined use with an antimicrobial agent.

10. The use of administration forms and combinations as claimed in one of claims 1 to 9 in the treatment of disorders of the stomach.

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REQUEST

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Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION

Novel oral administration form for pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles

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Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as: ☐ agent ☒ common representative

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The following designations are hereby made under Rule 4.9(a) *(mark the applicable check-boxes; at least one must st be marked)*:

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- ☐ AP ARIPO Patent: GH Ghana, GM Gambia, KE Kenya, LS Lesotho, MW Malawi, SD Sudan, SL Sierra Leone, SZ Swaziland, UG Uganda, ZW Zimbabwe, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Harare Protocol and of the PCT
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- ☒ BA Bosnia and Herzegovina .....
- ☐ BB Barbados
- ☒ BG Bulgaria .....
- ☒ BR Brazil .....
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- ☒ CA Canada
- ☐ CH and LI Switzerland and Liechtenstein
- ☒ CN China .....
- ☐ CU Cuba .....
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- ☐ DE Germany .....
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- ☒ HU Hungary .....
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- ☒ NZ New Zealand .....
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- ☐ RU Russian Federation .....
- ☐ SD Sudan
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- ☒ SK Slovakia .....
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- ☒ TR Turkey .....
- ☐ TT Trinidad and Tobago .....
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- ☐ UG Uganda .....
- ☒ US United States of America .....
- ☐ UZ Uzbekistan .....
- ☒ VN Viet Nam .....
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- ☒ ZW Zimbabwe .....

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Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM ☐ Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.

Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is: national application: country	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1) (12.08.1998) 12. August 1998	98115141.8		EP	
item (2)				
item (3)				

☐ The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) *(only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of the present international application is the receiving Office)* identified above as item(s):

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Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) *(if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used)*: ISA /

Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search *(if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority)*

Date (day/month/year)	Number	Country (or regional Office)
18.01.1999	EP 98115141	EP

Box No. VIII CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING

This international application contains the following number of sheets:

request	:	4
description (excluding sequence listing part)	:	9
claims	:	1
abstract	:	1
drawings	:	
sequence listing part of description	:	
Total number of sheets	:	15

This international application is accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

1. ☒ fee calculation sheet
2. ☐ separate signed power of attorney
3. ☐ copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any:
4. ☐ statement explaining lack of signature
5. ☒ priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s):
6. ☐ translation of international application into (language):
7. ☐ separate indications concerning deposited microorganism or other biological material
8. ☐ nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in computer readable form
9. ☐ other *(specify)*:

Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract:

Language of filing of the international application: English

Box No. IX SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR AGENT

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request).

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i.V. Dr. Herbert Rupp | i.V. Dr. Ulrich Wolf | Date | Dr. Rango Dietrich | Date | Hartmut Ney 7.8.99

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1. Date of actual receipt of the purported international application: 07 AUG 1999 (07. 08. 99)
2. Drawings: ☐ received: ☐ not received:
3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application:
4. Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2):
5. International Searching Authority (if two or more are competent): ISA /
6. ☐ Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid.

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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES

(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

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International application No.	International filing date (day/month/year)	Priority date (day/r/month/year)
PCT/EP99/05724	07 August 1999 (07.08.99)	12 August 11998 (12.08.98)

Applicant
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1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the ininternational application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:
   AU,CN,EP,IL,JP,KR,US

   In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present Notice as conclusiIve evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicateed above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:
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   The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices ddo not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on
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REMINDER REGARDING CHAPTER II (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)

If the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase until 30 months (or later in some Offices) from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor the 19-month time limit.

Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by CChapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

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International publication date (day/month/year) Not yet published	Priority date (day/month/year) 12 August 1998 (12.08.98)
Applicant BYK, Gulden et al	

1. The applicant is hereby notified of the date of receipt (except where the letters "NR" appear in the right-hand column) by the International Bureau of the priority document(s) relating to the earlier application(s) indicated below. Unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk appearing next to a date of receipt, or by the letters "NR", in the right-hand column, the priority document concerned was submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b).

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International application No.	International filing date *(day/month/year)*	Priority date *(day/month/year)*
PCT/EP99/05724	07/08/1999	12/08/1998
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC A61K9/28		
Applicant BYK GULDEN... et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

   ☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

   These annexes consist of a total of 1 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

   - I ☒ Basis of the report
   - II ☐ Priority
   - III ☒ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
   - IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
   - V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations suporting such statement
   - VI ☐ Certain documents cited
   - VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
   - VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand	Date of completion of this report
10/02/2000	09.06.2000
Name and mailing address of the international preliminary examining authority: European Patent Office D-80298 Munich Tel. +49 89 2399 - 0 Tx: 523656 epmu d Fax: +49 89 2399 - 4465	Authorized officer Rauter, A Telephone No. +49 89 2399 8645

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/EP99/05724

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

Description, pages:

1-9 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-10 as received on 14/08/1999 with letter of 13/08/1999

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

☐ the entire international application.

☒ claims Nos. 10.

because:

☒ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 10 with respect to industrial aplicability relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

see separate sheet

☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

☐ no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos. .

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	
	No:	Claims	1 - 10
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	
	No:	Claims	1 - 10
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1 - 9
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

SECTION III .....

1. Claim 10 relates to subject-matter considered by this Authority to be covered by the provisions of Rule 67.1(iv) PCT. Consequently, no opinion will be formulated with respect to the industrial applicability of the subject-matter of these claim (Article 34(4)(a)(i) PCT).

   For the assessment of such a claim on the question whether its subject-matter is industrially applicable, no unified criteria exist in the PCT Contracting States. The patentability can also be dependent upon the formulation of the claims. The EPO, for example, does not recognize as industrially applicable the subject-matter of claims to the use of a compound in medical treatment, but may allow, however, claims to a known compound for first use in medical treatment and the use of such a compound for the manufacture of a medicament for a new medical treatment.

SECTION V. .....

1. Reference is made to the following documents:

   D1: WO-A-9 702 020
   D2: EP-A-0 519 365
   D3: EP-A-0 793 959
   D4: DE-A-4 219 390
   D5: WO-A-9 725 979

2. The present application does not satisfy the criterion set forth in Article 33(2) PCT because the subject-matter of claims 1 - 10 is not new in respect of prior art as defined in the regulations (Rule 64(1)-(3) PCT).

   Presently claimed administration form comprises according to independent claim 1 the essential components, ie
   - a pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazole,
   - disintegrants and
   - a film coating for sustained-release of the product.

According to claim 10 the product is used for the treatment of disorders of the stomach.

Such subject-matters can **eg** be taken from document D1 (see eg page 7, line 18 - page 9, line 4 from the bottom; claims 1, 7 and 13; and in particular, examples 3 or 4). Accordingly, the product comprises pantoprazole, disintegrants (see eg page 8, line 35 - page 9, line 1) and a sustained release coating and is used for the treatment of stomach disorders.

Further pertinent prior art which takes away novelty:
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D4: See eg claims 1 and 2; column 2, lines 33 - 59.

Dependent claims 2 - 9 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty as the specific embodiments are comprised by the disclosure of the cited prior art. With regard to the specified pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles see eg D3, PVP as disintegrant, antimicrobial agents and enteric coatings are used in eg D1.

SECTION VII. .....

1. Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the documents D1, D3 - D5 is not mentioned in the description, nor are these documents identified therein.

SECTION VIII. .....

1. The claims comprise product names which probably represent registered trade marks which have not been identified as such.

Patent claims

1. An oral administration form for pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazole and its salts, which comprises the active compound together with tablet disintegrants and is provided with a film coating which is customary per se for sustained-release compositions.

2. The administration form as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pyridin-2-ylmethylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazole is omeprazole, esomeprazole, lansoprazole, rabeprazole, leminoprazole or nepaprazole.

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8. The administration form as claimed in claim 1 in combination with or for combined use with an antimicrobial agent.

9. The combination as claimed in claim 7 in combination with or for combined use with an antimicrobial agent.

10. The use of administration forms and combinations as claimed in one of claims 1 to 9 in the treatment of disorders of the stomach.

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference	**FOR FURTHER ACTION** see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
B665W00		
International application No.	International filing date *(day/month/year)*	(Earliest) Priority Date *(day/month/year)*
PCT/EP 99/05724	07/08/1999	12/08/1998
Applicant		
BYK, Gulden et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

[X] It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. **Basis of the report**

   a. With regard to the **language,** the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

   [ ] the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

   b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

   [ ] contained in the international application in written form.

   [ ] filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

   [ ] furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

   [ ] furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readble form.

   [ ] the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

   [ ] the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. [ ] **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. [ ] **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title,**

   [ ] the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

   [X] the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

   ORAL ADMINISTRATION FORM FOR PYRIDIN-2-YLMETHYLSULFINYL-1H-BENZIMIDAZOLES

5. With regard to the **abstract,**

   [X] the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

   [ ] the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. --

   [ ] as suggested by the applicant.

   [ ] because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

   [ ] because this figure better characterizes the invention.

   [ ] None of the figures.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No
PCT/EP 99/05724

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 A61K9/28 A61K31/44 A61K9/20

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 A61K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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[X] Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

[X] Patent family members are listed in annex.

° Special categories of cited documents :

"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance

"E" earlier document but published on or after the international filing date

"L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)

"O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means

"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.

"&" document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search	Date of mailing of the international search report
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
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International application No.	International filing date *(day/month/year)*	Priority date *(day/month/year)*
PCT/EP99/05724	07/08/1999	12/08/1998
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC		
A61K9/28		
Applicant		
BYK GULDEN... et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

   ☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

   These annexes consist of a total of 1 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

   - I ☒ Basis of the report
   - II ☐ Priority
   - III ☒ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
   - IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
   - V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations suporting such statement
   - VI ☐ Certain documents cited
   - VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
   - VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand	Date of completion of this report
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/EP99/05724

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

Description, pages:

1-9 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-10 as received on 14/08/1999 with letter of 13/08/1999

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:
- ☐ the drawings, sheets:

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial appplicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

- ☐ the entire international application.
- ☒ claims Nos. 10.

because:

- ☒ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 10 with respect to industrial aaplicability relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examinatioon (*specify*):

see separate sheet

☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

☐ no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos. .

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	
	No:	Claims	1 - 10
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	
	No:	Claims	1 - 10
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1 - 9
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

SECTION III .....

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